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The Reuss Kaserne (8141) in Gera was still occupied by an artillery unit consisting of 1,800 to 2,000 soldiers. In the morning on 17 August, 5 trucks each carrying approximately 10 EM, and 2 track-laying prime movers each towing a 100-mm AT gun, left the barracks installation and went in the direction of Milbitz.

At approximately 1000 on 17 August, intensive training activities were observed in the barracks installation. Approximately 1,000 soldiers were seen exercising with rifles, submachine guns, periscopes, and telephone equipment. The weapons observed in the barracks installation included 18 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 x 152-mm gun-howitzers, 6 x 152-mm field howitzers, 4 x 76-mm guns, and 4 guns with a caliber of approximately 200 mm which looked like gun-howitzers but had a shorter barrel.

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Comment.

the bulk of the 308th artillery brigade, which according to other reports had held firing practices in Altengrabow between 27 July and 7 August 1955, has returned to its post. Of the above-mentioned gun types, only the 100-mm AT gun and the 152-mm gun howitzer are known to belong to the standard equipment of Corps Artillery Brigades.

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